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Klamath National Forest Seeks Public Comments on State Grant Applications for Off-Highway Vehicle Use

(Yreka, CA.) – The Klamath National Forest is planning to apply for funds through the state of California for two grants related to Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use on National Forest lands. The proposed projects include improvements at the Humbug OHV Open Riding Area near Yreka and law enforcement support for visitor safety and resource protection.

In order to better develop the Humbug OHV Open Riding Area proposal and share information with the interested public, an open house will be held at the Klamath National Forest Headquarters office, located at 1711 South Main Street in Yreka, CA, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 26. Forest Service staff will be available to answer questions about the proposed project and take comments prior to submitting the preliminary grant application.

Preliminary grant application documents for both projects will be available for viewing and comment at the front desk of the Forest Headquarters office beginning on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. The documents will also be available online at <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov>. Instructions for viewing the documents can be found under “Public Review Instructions”. The documents will be located under “Review Preliminary Applications”.

The public review and comment period will be open from March 5 through April 1, 2013. Comments can be mailed to: Klamath National Forest, 1711 South Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097, attention: OHV Grants. Written comments can also be submitted via e-mail to klamathinfo@fs.fed.us. Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by April 1, 2013 to receive consideration.

For additional information about the grant applications, or to provide verbal comments, contact Togan Capozza, Klamath National Forest Recreation Officer, at (530) 841-4467 or Lathan Sidebottom, Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer, at (530) 841-4464.

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